

Question Number	RFP Reference	Questions
1.	General	<p>The RFP is provided as a scanned output. Can you please provide a Word document or PDF file (with text data as opposed to scanned images of pages) in order for us to search for specific texts etc. and also towards better readability?</p> <p>A1. The Word document is located at: http://etfextranet.it.state.wi.us.</p>
2.	Section 1.1	<p>RFB states that the lowest cost bidder will be awarded the contract. What are the State's evaluation criteria besides Cost, since lowest cost doesn't always mean that the end solution is the most beneficial to the State. Hence the question.</p> <p>A2. The contract will be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder.</p>
3.	General	<p>Is the State looking for a Commercial Off the Shelf software product or is the State looking to custom develop the solution that meets the requirements specified in the RFB.</p> <p>A3. Custom development.</p>
4.	General	<p>Has the State identified any COTS product that meets/addresses the requirements specified in the RFB?</p> <p>A4. No.</p>
5.	General	<p>Can the vendor propose a custom developed solution to meet State of WI requirements?</p> <p>A5. Yes.</p>
6.	General	<p>Does the State have a preference between Custom Developed Vs. COTS (Commercial Off the Shelf) solution?</p> <p>A6. Refer to A3.</p>
7.	Section 1.7	<p>In the event of vendor proposing custom developed solution, in addition to the implementation of the base system, for how long does the State require vendor to provide maintenance support?</p> <p>A7. Refer to Section 1.9.</p>
8.	Section C 1.2	<p>Please provide details on ETF hardware and software standards in order for us to estimate the appropriate infrastructure to our team members.</p> <p>A8. Refer to Attachment 1.</p>
9.	Section C 1.3	<p>Please clarify this requirement. What are you referring to as Program and Fiscal records?</p> <p>A9. Any documents produced as part of this RFB, and any associated financial record.</p>

10.	Section C 1.3	<p>Is the vendor responsible for providing operational support of BPS processes so that we are required to keep records of program and fiscal records? We are not clear as to what the State's expectations are in this requirement.</p> <p>A10. Yes the vendor will provide operational support of BPS processes. Refer to A9.</p>
11.	Section C Part 3	<p>Please provide ETF development standards?</p> <p>A11. Refer to Attachment 1.</p>
12.	General	<p>What is ETF's preference with respect to the technology platform? Is this J2EE or .NET or anything else?</p> <p>A12. J2EE.</p>
13.	General	<p>What is the preferred database platform?</p> <p>A13. DB2 on the State's ZOS mainframe.</p>
14.	Section 1.1	<p>RFB States that BPS went into production in October 2008. Please answer the following reg. BPS system:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Was BPS system custom developed application or is it a COTS product (Package Implementation)? Who is the vendor that provided the service (and/or software package) towards development/implementation of BPS that went into production in Oct 2008. What is the base technology platform of BPS system? Please provide Operating system , Application Server platform, Database platform and programming language. <p>A14. A. Custom Application. B. NVISIA LLC. C. Refer to Attachment 1.</p>
15.	Appendix B	<p>Did State of WI utilize an external vendor for developing the Business and Technical Requirements specified in Appendix B?</p> <p>A15. Yes, in part.</p>
16.	Appendix B	<p>Follow up to previous question: Please provide the name of the vendor company involved in developing the requirements stated in Appendix B</p> <p>A16. Refer to A14.</p>
17.	Appendix B	<p>If a vendor was utilized towards developing Appendix B requirement, is that vendor allowed to bid on this RFB?</p> <p>A17. Yes.</p>

18.	BPS System	<p>Who is currently supporting the existing BPS system that went into production in Oct 2008. Is this being supported by an inhouse team comprising state employees or are there any contractor/vendors that are involved in supporting the BPS system.</p> <p>A18. This is a mix of inhouse and vendor support.</p>
19.	General	<p>Considering the details of information listed in AppendX and other RFB attachments and considering that State will publish answers to vendor questions only on January 19, can the State extend the deadline for submitting the proposal by AT LEAST one week. This will provide sufficient time for bidding vendors to better develop a solution that is beneficial to State of WI. Also, please note that the proposals have to be submitted in hard copy format. SO, we will only have 2 days time to complete the proposal after obtaining clarifications to vendor questions. This time period is very very aggressive. We request you to extend the proposal submission deadline.</p> <p>A19. The State chooses not to extend the timeline.</p>
20.		<p>Please provide the date by when Phase 1 must be completed ?</p> <p>A20. The anticipated implementation date is March 2010.</p>
21.		<p>Are there any business drivers that drive the required implementation date?</p> <p>A21. Yes.</p>
22.		<p>Can vendors recommend an alternate schedule with explanation for such recommendation?</p> <p>A22. No.</p>
23.		<p>Also please provide required dates for Phases 2 to 5.</p> <p>A23. This is to be determined.</p>
24.		<p>Please indicate the number of State SME's that the State will make available to provide requirements information?</p> <p>A24. The number of State SME will vary depending on the requirements.</p>
25.		<p>Please indicate that number of hours of availability for SME's during requirements definition phase.</p> <p>A25. Refer to A24.</p>
26.		<p>Please confirm that the State will be responsible for performing user acceptance tests?</p> <p>A26. Yes.</p>

27.		<p>Please provide the duration you would like us to budget towards user acceptance tests. Typically this duration is constrained by availability of State staff. Hence the question.</p> <p>A27. Please use you best judgment and identify the number of State staff required.</p>
28.		<p>Can vendor propose to develop the solution leveraging our global development facilities outside the United States?</p> <p>A28. Yes, however stringent security requirements will be mandatory.</p> <p>.</p>
29.		<p>The space provided in Appendix B will not be sufficient to describe our solution to response to the requirements. Can we use additional sheets with appropriate cross references?</p> <p>A29. Please use the format in Appendix B. The Word document can be expanded.</p>
30.	Page 16 – 1.2 Technical Proposal	<p>RFB states “Included in Appendix A are requirements relating to business requirements and technology Requirements”. Whereas Appendix A (Page A-1) contains the Bidder’s checklist. Is this an error? Please clarify and confirm if Business and Technical Requirements are stated in Appendix B.</p> <p>A30. Appendix A contains the bidder checklist. All business and technical requirements either in the RFB or Appendix B.</p> <p>.</p>
31.	Page 16 – 1.2 Technical Proposal	<p>Please note that Appendix B only contains the functional requirements (from a business perspective). Please let us know where the technical requirements including hardware, software, technology platform, programming language, database etc. are Specified.</p> <p>A31. Refer to Attachment 1.</p>
32.	Appendix B (Page B-15)	<p>RFB states that “this project is a restart of a previous project that failed”. Are you referring to the project through which BPS was implemented in October 2008 or are you referring to any other subsequent project that was started and failed?</p> <p>A32. The State is referring to a project prior to 2004. The October 2008 implementation was successful.</p>
33.	Appendix B (Page B-15)	<p>Please provide more details on the “previous project that failed” – please provide the scope of project, and State’s reason for such failure.</p> <p>A33. The project prior to 2004 was too large of on an implementation to be successful with the resources and budget as it was initially planned.</p>

34.	Page B-15	<p>RFP refers to Attachment 2:Workflow Integration –Process Flow Diagrams”. We are unable to locate this document in the transmittal received from the State. Please provide this document for us to review.</p> <p>A34. Please delete this reference. The business requirements as they are known are in Appendix B.</p>
35.	Page B-15	<p>Please specify whether the State’s preference is to continue with requirement is Step 2000 or move to ‘a new workflow management system’. First the RFB states “ETF would like to exploit the many advantages of A NEW WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT SYSTEM” and in a few lines below, the RFB states “The BPS Solution must interface with ETF’s current Workflow system (Step 2000)”. These 2 requirements seem to be contradicting. Can you please clarify.</p> <p>A35. At this time the requirement is to interface with Step 2000. The State may consider at the time of development to consider using a new workflow management product.</p>
36.	Page B-15	<p>Does State of Wisconsin posses any Workflow tools such as Filenet Workflow Engine? Please provide name and version of software available.</p> <p>A36. The State is using Step 2000 Version 8.2.</p>
37.		<p>If it is the latter, has the State identified any Workflow tools that we need to incorporate in our solution?</p> <p>A37. Refer to A36.</p>
38.	Page 16 – 1.2 Technical Proposal	<p>RFB states that the vendor must use the templates provided when responding to tables within Appendix B. RFP also states that “An electronic version of Appendix B can be found on VendorNet and at http://etfextranet.it.state.wi.us “</p> <p>However, in the website the Appendix B document contains a one page “Mandatory Requirements” document? Is this what you are referring to?</p> <p>However, in the PDF document containing the RFB information, there is an Appendix B that contains the Business and Technical Requirements for Phases 1 to 5. Which document are we required to fill out.Please clarify.</p> <p>A38. Appendix B is 20 pages and is available on the extranet site in Word format.</p>
39.		<p>We understand that several other States in the US have implemented similar retirement systems? Has the State of WI pursued a transfer system from a different state? If so, can you please share with us the details of your findings?</p> <p>A39. No.</p>

40.	Page 21 – Section 1.2	<p>Will State provide VPN access to our development team to connect to State network towards project activities?</p> <p>A40. Yes, after the appropriate security is arranged.</p>
41.	Page 29 Section 1.28	<p>Please confirm that State is looking to get exclusive access to the vendor source code used to implement the system.</p> <p>A41. Yes.</p>
42.	Page 29 Section 1.28	<p>This section seems to imply that that State is not looking for a custom developed solution but more of a third party software package, since the State is only asking for “non-exclusive and irrevocable license”. Can you please confirm this?</p> <p>A42. Refer to A3.</p>
43.	Page 5 – Section 2.4	<p>RFB states that we should display each requirement immediately preceding the response to that requirement for tabs 3 and 4. ON Page 8, we note that Tab 3 contains response to Section B. However we do not see a Tab 4. Can you please specify the page number in RFB where Tab 4 information is provided?</p> <p>A43. The second sentence should be: Bidder should display each requirement immediately preceding their response.</p>
44.	Attachment 1 – Cost Proposal	<p>In the cost proposal template provided, there are 2 references to costs pertaining to Maintenance and Support. Can you please clarify the distinction between the two references and also provide us description of states requirement for each of these two references.</p> <p>A44. Refer to Section 1.7.</p>
45.	Attachment 1	<p>In the cost proposal template provided, you have asked for the cost towards Financial Stability Document. Can you please point us to the section in the RFB where the requirements with respect to Financial Stability Document are provided? Also, please clarify as to what costs relating to the financial stability document do you require us to provide.</p> <p>Since the RFB is a scanned output of the printout, we are unable to search for this information.</p> <p>A45. A financial statement or other verifiable documentation to prove financial stability,</p>
46.	General	<p>The RFB states that the lowest cost proposal will be awarded the contract. (See Section 3.2 page 9). The Attachment 1 (Cost Proposal Template) also states that Cost towards Phases 2 to 5 are being provided for information purpose only,</p> <p>Please clarify whether the lowest cost determination will be based on cost of Phase 1 only or will the state make this determination based on the total costs including all Phases 1 to 5.</p>

		A46. The cost will be determined on both the BPS maintenance and support and phase 1.
47.		<p>Liquidated Damages: Please confirm that Liquidated Damages will apply only in the event that the delays are entirely associated with contractor's fault and that such determination will be mutually agreed upon.</p> <p>A47. No. The damages will be determined solely by ETF.</p>
48.		<p>What is the ETF currently using in house within their IT departments (.NET or Java or both)?</p> <p>A48. Java.</p>
49.		<p>Per Section 1.2, the vendor is responsible for providing all hardware and software, etc. Is it the States expectation that the vendor supply and host the hardware necessary to support the application from vendor location and also connect the vendor hosted servers to the State's Mainframe?</p> <p>A49. No. The vendor is responsible for development hardware and software and connectivity to the State mainframe.</p>
50.		<p>Per Section 1.2, the RFP states "the vendor must be located in close proximity to ETF". Please define if close means 5 miles, 10 miles, 50 miles, 500 miles, and 1000 miles? Reason we ask, is because we have offices in Chicago, IL and we are not sure if we can use this location to host some of the vendor team members including the hardware, etc.</p> <p>A50. The state desires some on-site presence (Section 1.2.1.1.), other staff may be a remote location if the other requirements in this RFB are met.</p>
51.		<p>Per Section 1.2, the RFP states the "vendor must be located in close proximity to ETF" – Does State require that vendor be located in Madison, WI?</p> <p>A51. Refer to A50.</p>
52.		<p>If vendor is willing to double up in office work spaces, will ETF allow vendor to have more than 4 resources work onsite at ETF offices?</p> <p>A52. Yes, if the resources are preapproved.</p>
53.		<p>The RFP lists Liquidated Damages of \$5000 per day up to 50% of the value of the milestone should vendor be late in performing during a milestone period. Will the State agree to paying the vendor additional costs incurred by the vendor due to State's failure to complete certain actions or activities that caused delay in vendor ability to complete milestone with the prescribed project schedule?</p> <p>A53. No.</p>

54.		<p>What version of IBM MQ Series Workflow does ETF use for their current assets?</p> <p>A54. We have licenses for IBM MQ Series however we are currently not using it in any application.</p>
55.		<p>Can ETF provide any metrics for current application maintenance support services provided to help vendors get a better understanding of how large or small this application is? For example, can ETF provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many programmers, Systems analysts, DBA's, Architects, Testers/QA, Project Manager, technical folks are working on this application on a full time basis? b. How many hours were spent in 2009 on application defects/bug fixes/normal application maintenance fixes? c. How many hours were spent in 2009 on application enhancements (defined as new business or technical requirements that needed to be implemented) <p>A55. The current contract is a fixed price contract and deliverables are measured not hours. In very general terms there is 7X24 365 days per year support on the BPS application. Phase 1 has had up to approximately 7 vendor staff associated with this effort.</p>
56.		<p>What is the current programming language, database, tools, hardware/software technical landscape for the BPS application that went into production in 2008?</p> <p>A56. Refer to Attachment 1.</p>
57.		<p>Can ETF provide the use cases, design artifacts, system documentation for the current BPS application so vendors can study and get a more detailed understanding of the current BPS system?</p> <p>A57. Due to security concerns, this information will be provided to the lowest responsible bidder.</p>
58.		<p>Can ETF provide an online demo of the BPS system so vendors can get a more detailed understanding of the current BPS system? Please consider this request. The more details the vendors have, the less risk. Less Risk provides for less cost built into vendor proposals.</p> <p>A58. No online demonstration is planned.</p>
59.		<p>Was the BPS application built by ETF staff or was the BPS built by a 3rd party vendor? If 3rd party vendor, please provide the name of the vendor who was responsible for BPS implementation.</p> <p>A59. Refer to A14.</p>
60.		<p>Will vendors be scored less favorably for providing a solution whereby vendor proposes an implementation model where the vendor has 4 resources working onsite at ETF location and rest of team working outside of Madison, WI?</p>

		A60. The response will be based on meeting the mandatory requirements and responses to this bid.
61.	Page 1	<p>The RFB states that this bid for the Dev, maintenance and support of Benefit Payment System (BPS). However Phase 1 of the project is related to "Lump Sum Payment System". How is the "Lump Sum Payment System" related to the "Benefit Payment System"</p> <p>A61. The Lumps Sum System is part of the Benefit Payment System application.</p>
62.	Page 1	<p>Assuming Lump Sum Payment System is an extension of the Benefit Payment system, please provide the following details about the current Benefit Payment System:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Software Language(s) used – Java, C#, VB etc 2. Database – DB2 3. Development Tools - Rational 4. Middleware 5. Reporting Tools/Software 6. Any proprietary software / tools <p>A62. Refer to A56.</p>
63.	Page 1	<p>Assuming Lump Sum Payment System is an extension of the Benefit Payment system, please provide the following documentation about the Benefit Payment System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional Specifications • Entity Relationship Diagrams • Low Level Design Document • Data Flow Diagrams • Process Flow Diagram • Application Manuals • User Manuals • Installation/ Deployment Manual • Operations / Production support Guide <p>A63. Refer to A57.</p>
64.	Page 1	<p>If the Lump Sum Payment System is an extension of the Benefit Payment system, please confirm that all Global features (such as Electronic Printing and Mailing Services) available with Benefit Payment System can be leveraged within Lump Sum Payment system.</p> <p>A64. This will be dependent on the specifications.</p>
65.	Page 1	<p>Please specify the users of the proposed system. Is it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • department of trust funds or • State employees/inactive/deferred members or • Both? • <p>A65. Both.</p>
66.		<p>Please specify which of the following groups of employees the proposed system will serve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State employees – Yes/No

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School employees – Yes/No • Police – Yes/No • Legislative employees – Yes/No • Judges – Yes/No • Local government employees – Yes/No <p>A66. Any member of the WRS. All of the above can be members.</p>
67.		<p>Based on the response to the above question, if the proposed system will serve several groups of employees, will the business rules for lump sum benefit payment be the same for all groups of employees or differ for each group.</p> <p>A67. They could be different for each group.</p>
68.		<p>Please specify if this bid is only for Phase 1 of the Project.</p> <p>A68. No. Refer to Appendix B.</p>
69.		<p>If this bid is only for phase 1 of the project, does State plan to bid separately for the other phases.</p> <p>A69. Refer to 68.</p>
70.		<p>If this bid is for all 5 phases, please confirm that the vendor needs to only provide technical and business solution approaches for Phase 1 only.</p> <p>A70. Refer to A68. Both technical and business solution approaches must be included for all phases.</p>
71.		<p>Is the "Lump Sum Payment system (LSPS) designed to serve active employees, retirees, deferred or inactive employees? Please specify the employee groups affected by Phase 1 implementation.</p> <p>A71. All types except deferred which are not part of the WRS.</p>
72.		<p>The RFB states that the LSPS will integrate with the monthly annuity system. Please provide the following documents about the monthly annuity system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User Manuals <p>A72. Refer to A57.</p>
73.		<p>Please provide AS-IS, TO-BE process charts related to the lump sum benefit payment system.</p> <p>A73. Refer to Appendix B. These are the requirements known at this time.</p>
74.	Appendix B; B-3; Requirement p1.1	<p>RFB states "Enter benefit application data for each lump sum benefit type"</p> <p>Please specify the number of lump sum benefit types within the proposed system.</p>

		A75. Six.
75.		Please specify the number of form data fields (0-5, 5-10, 10-15) to be captured for each lump sum benefit type. A75. This varies by each type of benefit.
76.	Requirement p1.2	Please specify the number of edit rules (0-5, 5-10) to be expected for each benefit type. A76. Refer to A75.
77.	Requirement p1.4 77-104.	Please confirm that following are the only entities for which data needs to be entered in the account information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographics • Bank Information • Tax withholding A77. No. There will be calculation and deduction information as well.
78.		Please specify the source system that provides the account holder's details that determine the benefits to be paid to the account holder. A78. WEBS.
79.		Please specify the types of payment - e.g rollover, non-rollover A79. Either. Refer to Appendix B Phase 1.
80.	Requirement P1.9	Please specify what details need to be audited A80. This is based on calculation method and benefit type.
81.		Please specify the number of audit rules that will be checked by the auditors A81. Refer to A80.
82.		Please confirm that the audit rules will be manually checked by auditors based on the details provided by the application A82. Yes.
83.	Req P1.11	RFB states that the proposed system will calculate the separation benefits using WEBS data. Please provide the following details about the WEBS system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software Language(s) used – Java, C#, VB etc • Database – DB2 • User Manual A83. COBOL; DB2 on ZOS mainframe; Refer to A57.
84.		Please specify the number of user types for which the separation benefits need to be calculated A84. The specifications are being developed by user type.

85.		<p>RFB states that the proposed system will calculate the separation benefits using WEBS data. Please specify the complexity of the formula (for each user type) to calculate the separation benefits (Simple - 1 formula; Medium 2-3 formulas; Complex - more than 3 formulas).</p> <p>The business rules and formula vary by State and will impact the estimated cost, hence the question.</p> <p>A85. Varies from simple to complex depending on user type.</p>
86.	Req P1.12	<p>Please specify the number of user types for which the minimum annuities need to be calculated</p> <p>A86. Refer to A84.</p>
87.		<p>RFB states that the proposed system will calculate the minimum annuities using WEBS data. Please specify the complexity of the formula (for each user type) to calculate the annuities (Simple - 1 formula; Medium 2-3 formulas; Complex - more than 3 formulas)</p> <p>A87. Refer to A85.</p>
88.	Req P1.13	<p>Please specify the number of user types for which the annuitant deaths need to be calculated</p> <p>A88. Refer to A84.</p>
89.		<p>Requirement P1.13 and P1.14 are identical please specify if this is a typo or if there is a missing requirement. If there is a missing requirement please provide the missed requirement.</p> <p>A89. Please delete P1.14.</p>
90.	Req P1.15	<p>Please specify the complexity of the formula (by user type) to generate the supplemental benefit after original payment is made.</p> <p>Refer to A85.</p>
91.		<p>Please specify the number of user types for whom the system needs to generate the supplemental benefit after original payment is made</p> <p>A91.</p>
92.	Req P1.16	<p>Please specify the complexity of the formula (by user type) to calculate the non-annuitant death benefits.</p> <p>A92. Refer to A85.</p>
93.		<p>Please specify the number of user types for whom the system needs to calculate the non-annuitant death benefits</p> <p>A93.</p>

94.	P1.22	<p>RFB states that proposed system should "Generate check files for Treasury office to process". Please provide a sample check file.</p> <p>A94. The specifications are to be determined.</p>
95.		<p>RFB states that proposed system should "Generate check files for Treasury office to process". Which system currently generates the check Is it possible for the proposed system to interface with the current system or leverage with the current system</p> <p>A95. The current system is a Paradox system being replaced.</p>
96.		<p>RFB states that proposed system should "Generate check files for Treasury office to process". If the data transferred between the Treasury office and the current system, please provide a sample file with the file layout</p> <p>A96. Refer to A94.</p>
97.	P1.23	<p>RFB states that the proposed system should be " capable of producing a plan-to-plan transfer". Please provide details on how the State expects to implement this. For example, the account details of the Destination Plan can be gathered in the system and a manual check can be mailed or does the State expect an electronic transfer of funds?</p> <p>A97. This is a requirement, however the specifications and implementation are currently not part of the March 2010 implementation.</p>
98.	P1.30	<p>How is the 1042S file generated currently? Can the proposed system leverage the current system to the 1042S files.</p> <p>A98. The current system does not generate 1042s. It is unknown if the new system will be required to do so.</p>
99.	P1.32 XX	<p>Please specify the number of account holders this application will serve.</p> <p>A99. The potential number of accounts holders is about 400,000.</p>
100.	P1.33	<p>Please provide a sample deduction report.</p> <p>A100. Refer to A94.</p>
101.		<p>How many types of deduction report need to be generated by the system for all the 3rd parties</p> <p>A101. Refer to A94.</p>
102.	P1.34	<p>Please provide a sample voucher report</p> <p>A102. Refer to A94.</p>
103.		<p>How many types of voucher report need to be generated</p>

		A103. Refer to 94.
104.	P1.35	<p>Please provide the details of the data interface to be designed with the Bridge Closure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Requirements • High Level Design (if available) • Data Flow Diagrams • Process Flow diagram <p>A104. Refer to A94.</p>
105.		<p>Please provide the following details about the Bridge Closure interface:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software Language(s) used – Java, C#, VB etc • Database – DB2 • User Manual <p>A105. COBOL; DB2 on the ZOS Mainframe: Refer to A57.</p>
106.	P1.36	<p>What is the source system for the imported demographic data</p> <p>A106. WEBS.</p>
107.		<p>Please confirm that the demographic data is imported via a flat file.</p> <p>A107. Refer to 94.</p>
108.	P1.41	<p>Please provide details on what is expected from the application by this requirement: “the reconciliation process to audit daily transactions (WEBS)”</p> <p>A108. Refer to 94.</p>
109.	P1.44	<p>Please provide a sample Stop Payment notice</p> <p>A109. Refer to 84.</p>
110.	P1.53	<p>Please provide details the integration between WEBS and the proposed system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Requirements • High Level Design (if available) • Data Flow Diagrams • Process Flow diagram <p>A110. Refer to A57.</p>
111.	General	<p>Please provide a list of all external interfaces with the proposed application</p> <p>A111. Refer to A94.</p>
112.	P2.5	<p>What is ASLCC?</p> <p>A112. Accumulated Sick Leave Conversion Credit. Refer to</p>

		Attachment 2.
113.	P2.2, P2.3, P2.4, P2.5, P2.6	<p>Please confirm that the existing application will provide the deduction information, health insurance information, life insurance information, ASLCC information, Tax information, pension information and that the proposed application will merely web-enable the existing functionality.</p> <p>A113. No, the functionality does not exist today.</p>
114.	P2.16	<p>What does the current system use to validate addresses against US postal service standards? Can the proposed system leverage the current system to validate the addresses</p> <p>A 114. No. Yes.</p>
115.	Page 22	<p>RFB has provided 2 clauses that are named 1.4.5. One of them states “if the performance standards are not met during 12 month consecutive warranty, then ETF will invoice the vendor \$5000” and the other one states “if the performance standards are not met for three working days, ETF may invoke the termination for clause”</p> <p>Please specify which one applies to this contract.</p> <p>A115. Both apply. The second 1.4.5 should be numbered 1.4.6.</p>
116.	General	<p>Will the proposed application leverage ‘jclarity’ application for any of the requirements?</p> <p>A116. No.</p>
117.		<p>Is the current BPS system based on jClarety application? Please confirm/clarify.</p> <p>A177. No.</p>
118.		<p>Please indicate if performance testing is included in the scope? If so, please provide performance testing requirements.</p> <p>A118. Yes. To be determined prior to performance testing.</p>
119.		<p>If performance testing is included in the scope, please confirm that the State will provide the testing tools, environment for the testing.</p> <p>A119. The tools and environment will be determined prior to testing. The State may provide tools and the environment.</p>
120.	Page 22; Section 1.5	<p>Please provide the details of performance standards referred to in clauses 1.4.4 and 1.4.5 will be Standards of performance expected</p> <p>A120. Refer to A118.</p>
121.		<p>Please provide a copy of the performance standards for the BPS system that went in to production.</p>

		A121. Refer to A57.
122.		<p>Can the vendor propose a solution by leveraging industry-standard and widely used open source frameworks/tools (such as Struts, Spring, Hibernate)?</p> <p>A122. Yes,</p>
123.		<p>Is the State is open for J2EE or Java EE 5 based technology solution, can vendor propose the use of any up-to-date version of application servers such as “WebSphere Application Server 6.x/7”?</p> <p>A123. Yes.</p>
124.		<p>Will Hardware/Software for development be provided by State?</p> <p>A124. Refer to Section 1.2.</p>
125.		<p>Will STATE provide necessary office facilities, phones, cubes, pc, software, etc. to the vendor resources?</p> <p>A125. Refer to A124.</p>
126.		<p>How many business days of User Acceptance Testing does the STATE expect to perform?</p> <p>Refer to A24.</p>
127.		<p>Technical Training – How many STATE individuals will be working with the vendor? What are their Roles and Responsibilities in the new system development?</p> <p>A127. This will be determined prior to the phase.</p>
128.		<p>Please indicate number of State personnel to be trained?</p> <p>A128. Please refer to A127.</p>
129.		<p>User Training – Is this following Train-The-Trainer approach or training the direct end users. For both approaches, please provide approximate number of training sessions to be provided along with training user-base. Would it require travelling to different parts of the State of Wisconsin or will it be at one STATE site?</p> <p>A129. Refer to A127. All training will be done in Madison WI.</p>
130.		<p>Will the STATE provide training facilities/conference rooms, etc.?</p> <p>A130. Yes.</p>
131.		<p>Does the STATE need for the vendor to travel to any other STATE office other than those located in the Madison area? If yes, please provide the list of offices that the vendor personnel would need to visit and the estimated frequency.</p>

		A131. Refer to A129.
132.		<p>Will State provide onsite parking for the vendor team members? Is parking available for vendor personnel free of cost? How many parking spots can be made available for vendor personnel?</p> <p>A132. The State does not provide onsite parking. However, street parking and monthly parking is available at a cost of about \$35 per month.</p>
133.		<p>Please confirm that the STATE is responsible for the costs of acquiring any 3rd party software.</p> <p>A133. Refer to Section 1.2.</p>
134.		<p>Due to the complexity of business rules in retirement systems, in order for the vendors to provide a more realistic estimate, can the vendor propose a 2 Stage approach, where Requirements are gathered in Stage 1 and the State will issue another RFB for the Development through Deployment and maintenance in Stage 2.</p> <p>A134. The State is seeking both approaches in one bid.</p>
135.		<p>If data Migration is in scope, how many years of data or rows of data, how many tables need to be migrated?</p> <p>A153. Data migration will be determined by the business requirements.</p>
136.		<p>Does STATE want the vendor to use specific templates for project deliverables like Detailed Requirements Document, Architecture Design document, Deployment Plan, Testing Plan etc or is it expected that Vendor templates will be used for the project?</p> <p>A136. The State has various models determined by project and would consider using the vendors.</p>
137.		<p>In relation to the above question if vendor will be using STATE provided templates, please provide a copy of the templates so that we have a clear understanding of the level of detail State is expecting from the vendor.</p> <p>A137. Refer to A136.</p>
138.		<p>How many SME's will be allocated to this project for the purpose of detailed requirements gathering?</p> <p>A138. Refer to A24.</p>
139.		<p>How many hours per week of each SME is STATE planning to allocate for the Detailed Requirements Gathering?</p>

		A139. Refer to A 24..
140.	Section C 1.14	Delete Section. Refer to Page 4 Section 1.9.
141.	Manadatory Requirements	Is it acceptable to have other retirement system experience? A141. No. Each public retirement experience is unique to that state.
142.	General	Is there a preferred vendor for this bid? A142. No. This is an open procurement.
143.	General	What will the system do? A143. All known requirements are in the RFB.
144.	Vendor Response in Appendix D	Please clarify the Vendor Response Column in Appendix D. Q144. Refer to Attachment 3.